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**NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
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OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT**

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 08 November 2000 (08.11.00)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference 72646 Si/Ve	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/DK00/00558	International filing date (day/month/year) 05 October 2000 (05.10.00)
International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 07 October 1999 (07.10.99)
Applicant VESTAS WIND SYSTEM A/S et al	

1. The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
2. This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.
3. An asterisk(*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, **the attention of the applicant is directed** to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
4. The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which was not received by the International Bureau or which the applicant did not request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau, as provided by Rule 17.1(a) or (b), respectively. In such a case, **the attention of the applicant is directed** to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
07 Octo 1999 (07.10.99)	PA 1999 01436	DK	24 Octo 2000 (24.10.00)

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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PCT/DK00/00558	05 October 2000 (05.10.00)	07 October 1999 (07.10.99)

Applicant
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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
AU,KP,KR,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:
AE,AG,AL,AM,AP,AT,AZ,BA,BB,BG,BR,BY,BZ,CA,CH,CN,CR,CU,CZ,DE,DK,DM,DZ,EA,EE,EP,ES,
FI,GB,GD,GE,GH,GM,HR,HU,ID,IL,IN,IS,JP,KE,KG,KZ,LC,LK,LR,LS,LT,LU,LV,MA,MD,MG,MK,
MN,MW,MX,MZ,NQ,NZ,OA,PL,PT,RO,RU,SD,SE,SG,SI,SK,SL,TJ,TM,TR,TT,TZ,UA,UG,UZ,VN,YU,
The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).
3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on
12 April 2001 (12.04.01) under No. WO 01/25628

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the applicant <input type="checkbox"/> the inventor <input type="checkbox"/> the agent <input type="checkbox"/> the common representative		
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3. Further observations, if necessary: The name of the applicant has been corrected	
4. A copy of this notification has been sent to:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> the International Searching Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the elected Offices concerned
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the International Preliminary Examining Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 22 March 2002 (22.03.02)
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International application No. PCT/DK00/00558	International filing date (day/month/year) 05 October 2000 (05.10.00)

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION
(PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 28 June 2001 (28.06.01)	To: Commissioner US Department of Commerce United States Patent and Trademark Office, PCT 2011 South Clark Place Room CP2/5C24 Arlington, VA 22202 ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE in its capacity as elected Office
International application No. PCT/DK00/00558	Applicant's or agent's file reference 72646 Si/Ve
International filing date (day/month/year) 05 October 2000 (05.10.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 07 October 1999 (07.10.99)
Applicant FEDDERSEN, Lorenz	
<p>1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on: 02 May 2001 (02.05.01)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on: _____</p>	
<p>2. The election <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was <input type="checkbox"/> was not</p> <p>made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).</p>	

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer Nestor Santesso Telephone No.: (41-22) 338.83.38
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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED
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(PCT Rule 61.3)

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Applicant VESTAS WIND SYSTEM A/S et al		

1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

EP :AT,BE,CH,CY,DE,DK,ES,FI,FR,GB,GR,IE,IT,LU,MC,NL,PT,SE
 National :AU,BG,CA,CN,CZ,DE,IL,JP,KP,KR,MN,NO,NZ,PL,RO,RU,SE,SK,US

2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

AP :GH,GM,KE,LS,MW,MZ,SD,SL,SZ,TZ,UG,ZW
 EA :AM,AZ,BY,KG,KZ,MD,RU,TJ,TM
 OA :BF,BJ,CF,CG,CI,CM,GA,GN,GW,ML,MR,NE,SN,TD,TG
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 GD,GE,GH,GM,HR,HU,ID,IN,IS,KE,KG,KZ,LC,LK,LR,LS,LT,LU,LV,MA,MD,MG,MK,MW,
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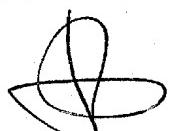
3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into the European regional phase is postponed until 31 months from the priority date for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 72646 Si/Ve	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/DK00/00558	International filing date (day/month/year) 05/10/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 07/10/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC F03D7/00		
<p>Applicant VESTAS WIND SYSTEM A/S et al.</p> <p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		

Date of submission of the demand 02/05/2001	Date of completion of this report 18.12.2001
Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority:  European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Tx: 523656 epmu d Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465	Authorized officer Descoubes, P Telephone No. +49 89 2399 7066



**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/DK00/00558

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

3-6 as originally filed

1,2 as received on 04/10/2001 with letter of 02/10/2001

Claims, No.:

1-9 as received on 04/10/2001 with letter of 02/10/2001

Drawings, sheets:

1/5-5/5 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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- the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:
5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).
(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)
6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-9
	No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims 1-9
	No: Claims

Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-9
No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/DK00/00558

1.0 Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: WO 99 07996 A (ZOND ENERGY SYSTEMS INC) 18 February 1999 (1999-02-18)
- D2: WO 92 14298 A (US WINDPOWER) 20 August 1992 (1992-08-20)
- D3: EP-A-0 150 884 (TEMA SPA) 7 August 1985 (1985-08-07)
- D4: US-A-4 906 060 (CLAUDE DAVID L) 6 March 1990 (1990-03-06)
- D5: DE-A-196 20 906 (SIEMENS AG) 8 January 1998 (1998-01-08)

2.0 Independent claim 1 does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined, the reasons being as follows:

- 2.1** The expression "measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation" attempts to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved, which is not permissible in the present case (see PCT-Guidelines III-4.7). The analysis is done as if this expression would not be present in the claim.
- 2.2** Furthermore, it is not clear if the word "optionally" refers to the gear only or also to the transformer , which renders claim 1 unclear with regard to what extent protection is sought for. The analysis is based on the assumption that the word "optionally" refers to the gear only.
- 2.3** The wording "whereby the AC/DC rectifier is composed of diodes" has no limiting effect. For the analysis, it is understood that the claim is worded as: "whereby the AC/DC rectifier is composed of diodes only".
- 3.0** Prior art document D5, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a wind power plant from which the subject-matter of independant claim 1 differs in that
 - a magnetic field controller is connected to the generator and is adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator in response to a speed of rotation-depending output parameter of the generator in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for.
 - the AC/DC rectifier is composed of diodes only.

The objective problem to be solved may therefore be seen as to provide a

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variable speed wind power plant for the production of DC power in which the AC/DC rectifier is of simple construction.

The solution is achieved by the characterizing part of independent claim 1.

Document D5 discloses a wind power plant for the production of DC power with a speed regulation and does not disclose a magnetic field controller, nor an AC/DC rectifier made of diodes only.

Document D1 and D2 only disclose active AC/DC rectifiers, while document D3 and D4 are directed to the control of the output frequency and do not disclose a passive AC/DC rectifier.

None of the documents give an indication that would prompt the skilled person aware of document D5 to solve the problem as stated in claim 1.

Thus, the subject matter of claim 1 is considered to be new and to involve an inventive step in the sense of Articles 33(2) and 33(3) PCT.

- 4.0 Since they all are dependent on claim 1, the subject matter of the dependent claims 2 to 9 is also considered to be new and to involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(2) and Article 33(3) PCT.
- 5.0 The industrial applicability of the invention is self-evident.
- 6.0 Furthermore the following should be noted:
 - 6.1 The expressions "relatively low inductance" and "relatively high speed of rotation" used in claims 6 and 7 have no well-recognised meaning and leave the reader in doubt as to the meaning of the technical features to which they refer, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claims unclear (Article 6 PCT).
 - 6.2 According to the requirements of Rule 11.13(m) PCT the same feature shall be denoted by the same reference sign throughout the application. This requirement is not met in view of the use of:
 - reference sign 7 in the description page 5 line 6
 - references IG1 and IG2 in claim 3 (See description page 5 line 27).

Title: Wind power plantTechnical Field :

The invention relates to a wind power plant where the driving shaft communicates with a synchronous generator optionally through a gear, and where a transformer with n output windings communicates with an HVDC-transmission cable through an AC/DC-rectifier, measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation.

The use of a DC transmission cable implies that it is not necessary to take into account the capacitive load generated by the cable. In addition, it is possible to make the HVDC transmission cables longer than the AC transmission cables. These AC transmission cables must not exceed a so-called "critical length".

Background Art

WO97/45908 discloses a wind power park where each wind turbine is equipped with a synchronous generator. The output power of the synchronous generator is rectified by means of an AC/DC rectifier and transmitted through a DC transmission cable to a DC/AC inverter and a transformer so as to be transferred to the regional supply network. The AC/DC rectifier comprises controlled rectifiers, which are able to compensate for possible variations in the speed of rotation through a suitable control by means of particular control circuits. However, such control circuits are rather complicated.

WO 92/14298 and WO 99/007996 disclose a variable speed wind turbine comprising active power converters for providing AC power. These power converters include active controlled rectifiers and require expensive controller circuits.

Brief Description of the Invention.

The object of the invention is to provide a wind turbine plant where each wind turbine is able to tolerate sudden gusts and is of a more simple construction than hitherto known.

- 5 A wind turbine plant of the above type is according to the invention characterised by a magnetic field controller connected to the generator, said magnetic field controller being adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator in response to a speed of rotation-depending output parameter of said synchronous generator in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for, where-
- 10 by the AC/DC rectifier is composed of diodes. As a result, passive rectifier elements suffice in the rectifier. In addition, the controllable rectifiers and the associated control circuits are avoided which should otherwise be used for compensating for possible variations in the speed of rotation.

- Moreover according to the invention the magnetic field controller may be adapted to
- 15 detect the current generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of the magnetic field controller for regulating the current through the rotor winding.

- In addition, the magnetic field controller may according to the invention be adapted to detect the voltage generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of said magnetic field controller.
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Moreover, the magnetic field controller may according to the invention be adapted to detect the power generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of said magnetic field controller.

Claims

1. A wind power plant where the driving shaft communicates with a synchronous generator (3) optionally through a gear (2) and with a transformer with n output windings, said transformer communicating through an AC/DC rectifier with an HVDC transmission cable (9), measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation, c h a r a c t e r i s e d by a magnetic field controller (4) connected to the generator (3), said magnetic field controller (4) being adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator (3) in response to a speed of rotation-depending output parameter of said generator (3) in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for, whereby the AC/DC rectifier is composed of diodes.
2. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the currents (IG1, IG2) generated by the synchronous generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a).
3. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the voltages (IG1, IG2) generated by the synchronous generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a).
4. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the power generated by the generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a) in response to the detected power.
5. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 4, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the negative feedback for regulating the current through the rotor windings (3a) includes a P, I or D regulation or a combination thereof.

6. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the rotor windings are dimensioned with a relatively low inductance.
7. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the rotor is adapted to rotate at a relatively high speed of rotation, whereby the inductance can be further reduced.
8. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the synchronous generator (3) is multipolar.
9. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, where the wind turbine comprises a transformer with n output windings coupled in series with n rectifiers so as to obtain an HVDC.

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Dear Sirs

International patent application No PCT/DK00/00558

Applicant: Vestas Wind System A/S, et al

International patent classification: F 03 D 7/00

My ref: 72646 Si/Ve

Time limit: 13 October 2001

In response to the WRITTEN OPINION dated 13 August 2001, I hereby file a proposal for a new set of claims together with a new introduction to the specification in duplicate.

I further enclose a draft showing the amendments in handwriting.

The new claims 1 to 9 correspond substantially to the old claims 1 to 9.

WO 92/14298 (D2) discloses a variable speed wind turbine comprising active power converters for providing AC power. These power converters include active controlled rectifiers and require expensive controller circuits. The wind power system according to the invention is only adapted to provide DC power, and this has been obtained by means of converters consisting of diodes. Such diodes do not require expensive controller circuits. The wind power system according to the invention is therefore different from the wind power system according to D2. D2 is therefore not anticipatory.

WO 99/07996 (D1) discloses a variable speed wind turbine system. The wind turbine system comprises a pitch controller and a torque controller, said controllers being adapted to operate

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independently. Inverters (624, 630) (including active controlled rectifiers) require controller circuits. Such controller circuits have been omitted in the wind turbine system according to the invention. D1 is therefore not anticipatory either.

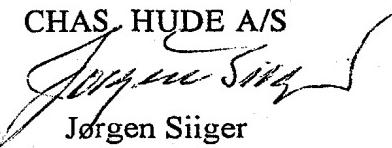
US 4.906.060 (D4) discloses a wind turbine system comprising an apparatus for controlling the output frequency of an alternator by maintaining a relatively constant speed of rotation by increasing or decreasing the stator magnetic field. The magnetic field is controlled by means of a very complicated control circuit in the shape of a logic circuit (42) controlling an address decoder/driver (54), and D4 is therefore not anticipatory.

EP 0150884 (D3) discloses a wind turbine generator for providing a fixed frequency. In a first embodiment, the frequency is detected by means of a tachometer controlling the internal magnetic field in response thereto. In a second embodiment, the generator acts as a DC generator for providing DC, which by means of a converter is converted into AC of the frequency of the mains. None of these embodiments illustrate a converter in the shape of diodes and is therefore not anticipatory.

DE-OS 196 20 906 (D5) does not illustrate how it is possible to adapt a magnetic field controller to vary the magnetic fields in a synchronous generator in response to the speed of rotation and is therefore not anticipatory either.

Yours faithfully

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Representative of the applicant

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Proposal for a new introduction to the specification in duplicate

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under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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Identification of IPEA	Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION	
International application No. PCT/DK00/00558	International filing date (day/month/year) 5 October 2000 (05.10.2000)
Title of invention Wind power plant	
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Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**Statement concerning amendments:***

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

the international application as originally filed

the description as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed

as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). (*This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.*)

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Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English.....

which is the language in which the international application was filed.

which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

which is the language of publication of the international application.

which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby elects all eligible States (*that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT*)

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| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
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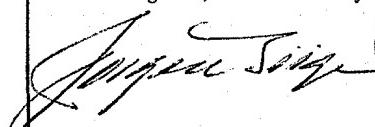
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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
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(PCT Rule 71.1)

Date of mailing
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Applicant's or agent's file reference 72646 Si/Ve	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION	
International application No. PCT/DK00/00558	International filing date (day/month/year) 05/10/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 07/10/1999
Applicant VESTAS WIND SYSTEM A/S et al.		

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/DK00/00558	International filing date (day/month/year) 05/10/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 07/10/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC F03D7/00		
<p>Applicant VESTAS WIND SYSTEM A/S et al.</p>		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/DK00/00558

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

3-6 as originally filed

1,2 as received on 04/10/2001 with letter of 02/10/2001

Claims, No.:

1-9 as received on 04/10/2001 with letter of 02/10/2001

Drawings, sheets:

1/5-5/5 as originally filed

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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International application No. PCT/DK00/00558

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:
- the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-9
	No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims 1-9
	No: Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-9
	No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations *see separate sheet*

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

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International application No. PCT/DK00/00558

1.0 Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: WO 99 07996 A (ZOND ENERGY SYSTEMS INC) 18 February 1999 (1999-02-18)
- D2: WO 92 14298 A (US WINDPOWER) 20 August 1992 (1992-08-20)
- D3: EP-A-0 150 884 (TEMA SPA) 7 August 1985 (1985-08-07)
- D4: US-A-4 906 060 (CLAUDE DAVID L) 6 March 1990 (1990-03-06)
- D5: DE-A-196 20 906 (SIEMENS AG) 8 January 1998 (1998-01-08)

2.0 Independent claim 1 does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined, the reasons being as follows:

- 2.1** The expression "measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation" attempts to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved, which is not permissible in the present case (see PCT-Guidelines III-4.7). The analysis is done as if this expression would not be present in the claim.
- 2.2** Furthermore, it is not clear if the word "optionally" refers to the gear only or also to the transformer , which renders claim 1 unclear with regard to what extent protection is sought for. The analysis is based on the assumption that the word "optionally" refers to the gear only.
- 2.3** The wording "whereby the AC/DC rectifier is composed of diodes" has no limiting effect. For the analysis, it is understood that the claim is worded as: "whereby the AC/DC rectifier is composed of diodes only".
- 3.0** Prior art document D5, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a wind power plant from which the subject-matter of independant claim 1 differs in that
 - a magnetic field controller is connected to the generator and is adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator in response to a speed of rotation-depending output parameter of the generator in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for.
 - the AC/DC rectifier is composed of diodes only.

The objective problem to be solved may therefore be seen as to provide a

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variable speed wind power plant for the production of DC power in which the AC/DC rectifier is of simple construction.

The solution is achieved by the characterizing part of independent claim 1.

Document D5 discloses a wind power plant for the production of DC power with a speed regulation and does not disclose a magnetic field controller, nor an AC/DC rectifier made of diodes only.

Document D1 and D2 only disclose active AC/DC rectifiers, while document D3 and D4 are directed to the control of the output frequency and do not disclose a passive AC/DC rectifier.

None of the documents give an indication that would prompt the skilled person aware of document D5 to solve the problem as stated in claim 1.

Thus, the subject matter of claim 1 is considered to be new and to involve an inventive step in the sense of Articles 33(2) and 33(3) PCT.

- 4.0 Since they all are dependent on claim 1, the subject matter of the dependent claims 2 to 9 is also considered to be new and to involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(2) and Article 33(3) PCT.
- 5.0 The industrial applicability of the invention is self-evident.
- 6.0 Furthermore the following should be noted:
 - 6.1 The expressions "relatively low inductance" and "relatively high speed of rotation" used in claims 6 and 7 have no well-recognised meaning and leave the reader in doubt as to the meaning of the technical features to which they refer, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claims unclear (Article 6 PCT).
 - 6.2 According to the requirements of Rule 11.13(m) PCT the same feature shall be denoted by the same reference sign throughout the application. This requirement is not met in view of the use of:
 - reference sign 7 in the description page 5 line 6
 - references IG1 and IG2 in claim 3 (See description page 5 line 27).

Title: Wind power plantTechnical Field :

The invention relates to a wind power plant where the driving shaft communicates with a synchronous generator optionally through a gear, and where a transformer with n output windings communicates with an HVDC-transmission cable through an AC/DC-rectifier, measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation.

The use of a DC transmission cable implies that it is not necessary to take into account the capacitive load generated by the cable. In addition, it is possible to make the HVDC transmission cables longer than the AC transmission cables. These AC transmission cables must not exceed a so-called "critical length".

Background Art

WO97/45908 discloses a wind power park where each wind turbine is equipped with a synchronous generator. The output power of the synchronous generator is rectified by means of an AC/DC rectifier and transmitted through a DC transmission cable to a DC/AC inverter and a transformer so as to be transferred to the regional supply network. The AC/DC rectifier comprises controlled rectifiers, which are able to compensate for possible variations in the speed of rotation through a suitable control by means of particular control circuits. However, such control circuits are rather complicated.

WO 92/14298 and WO 99/007996 disclose a variable speed wind turbine comprising active power converters for providing AC power. These power converters include active controlled rectifiers and require expensive controller circuits.

Brief Description of the Invention.

The object of the invention is to provide a wind turbine plant where each wind turbine is able to tolerate sudden gusts and is of a more simple construction than hitherto known.

- 5 A wind turbine plant of the above type is according to the invention characterised by a magnetic field controller connected to the generator, said magnetic field controller being adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator in response to a speed of rotation-depending output parameter of said synchronous generator in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for, where-
- 10 by the AC/DC rectifier is composed of diodes. As a result, passive rectifier elements suffice in the rectifier. In addition, the controllable rectifiers and the associated control circuits are avoided which should otherwise be used for compensating for possible variations in the speed of rotation.

Moreover according to the invention the magnetic field controller may be adapted to

- 15 detect the current generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of the magnetic field controller for regulating the current through the rotor winding.

In addition, the magnetic field controller may according to the invention be adapted to detect the voltage generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback

- 20 being established by means of said magnetic field controller.

Moreover, the magnetic field controller may according to the invention be adapted to detect the power generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of said magnetic field controller.

Claims

1. A wind power plant where the driving shaft communicates with a synchronous generator (3) optionally through a gear (2) and with a transformer with n output windings, said transformer communicating through an AC/DC rectifier with an HVDC transmission cable (9), measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation, c h a r a c t e r i s e d by a magnetic field controller (4) connected to the generator (3), said magnetic field controller (4) being adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator (3) in response to a speed of rotation-depending output parameter of said generator (3) in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for, whereby the AC/DC rectifier is composed of diodes.
2. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the currents (IG1, IG2) generated by the synchronous generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a).
3. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the voltages (IG1, IG2) generated by the synchronous generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a).
4. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the power generated by the generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a) in response to the detected power.
5. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 4, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the negative feedback for regulating the current through the rotor windings (3a) includes a P, I or D regulation or a combination thereof.

6. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the rotor windings are dimensioned with a relatively low inductance.
7. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the rotor is adapted to rotate at a relatively high speed of rotation, whereby the inductance can be further reduced.
8. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the synchronous generator (3) is multipolar.
9. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, where the wind turbine comprises a transformer with n output windings coupled in series with n rectifiers so as to obtain an HVDC.

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Title: Wind power plant

Technical Field

The invention relates to a wind power plant where the driving shaft communicates with a synchronous generator optionally through a gear, and where a transformer, ^{with n output windings}

- 5 ~~if any~~, communicates with an HVDC-transmission cable through an AC/DC-rectifier, measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation.

Background Art

- 10 The use of a DC transmission cable implies that it is not necessary to take into account the capacitive load generated by the cable. In addition, it is possible to make the HVDC transmission cables longer than the AC transmission cables. These AC transmission cables must not exceed a so-called "critical length".

Background Art

- WO97/45908 discloses a wind power park where each wind turbine is equipped with a synchronous generator. The output power of the synchronous generator is rectified by means of an AC/DC rectifier and carried through a DC transmission cable to a DC/AC inverter and a transformer so as to be transferred to the regional supply network. Means are provided for regulating the power. This known wind-power site is encumbered with the draw-back that it cannot to a sufficient extent compensate for sudden, strong gusts, and it is not equipped with an HVDC output by means of a transformer with several output windings.

In addition, the AC/DC rectifier comprises controlled rectifiers, which are able to compensate for possible variations in the speed of rotation through a suitable control by means of particular control circuits. However, such control circuits are rather complicated.

(A) Brief disclosure of WO 92/17298
and WO 93/007956

Brief Description of the Invention.

The object of the invention is to provide a wind turbine plant where each wind turbine ~~is able to~~ can tolerate sudden gusts to a far higher extent than previously known, and where each wind turbine is of a ~~far~~ more simple structure than hitherto known.

- 5 A wind turbine plant of the above type is according to the invention characterised in ~~that it comprises~~ a magnetic field controller connected to the synchronous generator, said magnetic field controller being adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator in response to ~~an~~ output parameter of said synchronous generator in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for,
- 10 whereby ~~the AC/DC rectified is composed of diodes~~ a possible increase of the speed of rotation causes a reduction of the magnetic field in the synchronous generator. As a result, passive rectifier elements suffice in the rectifier. In addition, the controllable rectifiers and the associated control circuits are avoided which should otherwise be used for compensating for possible variations in the speed of rotation.
- 15 Moreover according to the invention the magnetic field controller may be adapted to detect the current generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of the magnetic field controller for regulating the current through the rotor winding.

- 20 In addition, the magnetic field controller may according to the invention be adapted to detect the voltage generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of said magnetic field controller.

Moreover, the magnetic field controller may according to the invention be adapted to detect the power generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of said magnetic field controller.

*DRAFT**Oct. 2001*Claims

1. A wind power plant where the driving shaft communicates with a synchronous generator (3) optionally through a gear (2) and with a transformer (*if any*) with n output windings, said transformer communicating through an AC/DC rectifier with an HVDC transmission cable (9), measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation, characterised by a magnetic field controller (4) connected to the generator (3), said magnetic field controller (4) being adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator (3) in response to a speed of rotation-depending output parameter of said generator (3) in such a manner
5 that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for. *whereby the AC/DC Rectifier is composed of diodes*
- 10 2. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the currents (IG1, IG2) generated by the synchronous generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a).
- 15 3. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the voltages (IG1, IG2) generated by the synchronous generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a).
- 20 4. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the power generated by the generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a) in response to the detected power.
- 25 5. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 4, characterised in that the negative feedback for regulating the current through the rotor windings (3a) includes a P, I or D regulation or a combination thereof.

Title: Wind power plantTechnical Field

The invention relates to a wind power plant where the driving shaft communicates with a synchronous generator optionally through a gear, and where a transformer,

- 5 if any, communicates with an HVDC-transmission cable through an AC/DC-rectifier, measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation.

Background Art

The use of a DC transmission cable implies that it is not necessary to take into ac-

- 10 count the capacitive load generated by the cable. In addition, it is possible to make the HVDC transmission cables longer than the AC transmission cables. These AC transmission cables must not exceed a so-called "critical length".

WO97/45908 discloses a wind power park where each wind turbine is equipped with a synchronous generator. The output power of the synchronous generator is rectified

- 15 by means of an AC/DC rectifier and carried through a DC transmission cable to a DC/AC inverter and a transformer so as to be transferred to the regional supply network. Means are provided for regulating the power. This known wind power site is encumbered with the draw-back that it cannot to a sufficient extent compensate for sudden, strong gusts, and it is not equipped with an HVDC output by means of a
- 20 transformer with several output windings.

In addition, the AC/DC rectifier comprises controlled rectifiers, which are able to compensate for possible variations in the speed of rotation through a suitable control by means of particular control circuits. However, such control circuits are rather complicated.

Brief Description of the Invention.

The object of the invention is to provide a wind turbine plant where each wind turbine can tolerate sudden gusts to a far higher extent than previously known, and where each wind turbine is of a far more simple structure than hitherto known.

- 5 A wind turbine plant of the above type is according to the invention characterised in that it comprises a magnetic field controller connected to the synchronous generator, said magnetic field controller being adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator in response to an output parameter of said synchronous generator in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for,
 - 10 whereby a possible increase of the speed of rotation causes a reduction of the magnetic field in the synchronous generator. As a result, passive rectifier elements suffice in the rectifier. In addition, the controllable rectifiers and the associated control circuits are avoided which should otherwise be used for compensating for possible variations in the speed of rotation.
 - 15 Moreover according to the invention the magnetic field controller may be adapted to detect the current generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of the magnetic field controller for regulating the current through the rotor winding.
- In addition, the magnetic field controller may according to the invention be adapted
- 20 to detect the voltage generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of said magnetic field controller.

Moreover, the magnetic field controller may according to the invention be adapted to detect the power generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of said magnetic field controller.

Claims

1. A wind power plant where the driving shaft communicates with a synchronous generator (3) optionally through a gear (2) and with a transformer, if any, with n output windings, said transformer communicating through an AC/DC rectifier with an HVDC transmission cable (9), measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation, *characterised by* a magnetic field controller (4) connected to the generator (3), said magnetic field controller (4) being adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator (3) in response to a speed of rotation-depending output parameter of said generator (3) in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for.
2. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, *characterised in* that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the currents (IG1, IG2) generated by the synchronous generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a).
3. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, *characterised in* that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the voltages (IG1, IG2) generated by the synchronous generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a).
4. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, *characterised in* that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the power generated by the generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a) in response to the detected power.
5. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 4, *characterised in* that the negative feedback for regulating the current through the rotor windings (3a) includes a P, I or D regulation or a combination thereof.

6. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the rotor windings are dimensioned with a relatively low inductance.
7. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the rotor is adapted to rotate at a relatively high speed of rotation, whereby the inductance can be further reduced.
8. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the synchronous generator (3) is multipolar.
9. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, where the wind turbine comprises a transformer with n output windings coupled in series with n rectifiers so as to obtain an HVDC.

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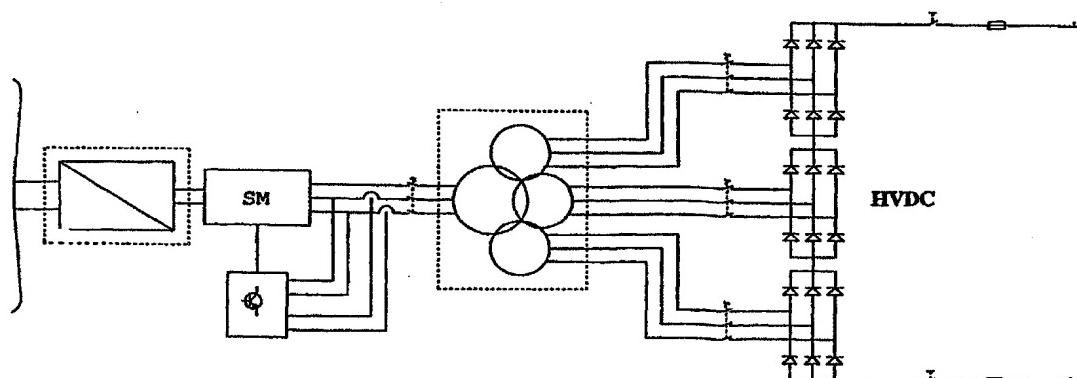
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Title: Wind power plantTechnical Field

The invention relates to a wind power plant where the driving shaft communicates with a synchronous generator optionally through a gear, and where a transformer,
5 if any, communicates with an HVDC-transmission cable through an AC/DC-rectifier, measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation.

Background Art

10 The use of a DC transmission cable implies that it is not necessary to take into account the capacitive load generated by the cable. In addition, it is possible to make the HVDC transmission cables longer than the AC transmission cables. These AC transmission cables must not exceed a so-called "critical length".

15 WO97/45908 discloses a wind power park where each wind turbine is equipped with a synchronous generator. The output power of the synchronous generator is rectified by means of an AC/DC rectifier and carried through a DC transmission cable to a DC/AC inverter and a transformer so as to be transferred to the regional supply network. Means are provided for regulating the power. This known wind power site is encumbered with the draw-back that it cannot to a sufficient extent compensate for sudden, strong gusts, and it is not equipped with an HVDC output by means of a
20 transformer with several output windings.

In addition, the AC/DC rectifier comprises controlled rectifiers, which are able to compensate for possible variations in the speed of rotation through a suitable control by means of particular control circuits. However, such control circuits are rather complicated.

Brief Description of the Invention.

The object of the invention is to provide a wind turbine plant where each wind turbine can tolerate sudden gusts to a far higher extent than previously known, and where each wind turbine is of a far more simple structure than hitherto known.

- 5 A wind turbine plant of the above type is according to the invention characterised in that it comprises a magnetic field controller connected to the synchronous generator, said magnetic field controller being adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator in response to an output parameter of said synchronous generator in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for,
 - 10 whereby a possible increase of the speed of rotation causes a reduction of the magnetic field in the synchronous generator. As a result, passive rectifier elements suffice in the rectifier. In addition, the controllable rectifiers and the associated control circuits are avoided which should otherwise be used for compensating for possible variations in the speed of rotation.
 - 15 Moreover according to the invention the magnetic field controller may be adapted to detect the current generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of the magnetic field controller for regulating the current through the rotor winding.
 - 20 In addition, the magnetic field controller may according to the invention be adapted to detect the voltage generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of said magnetic field controller.
- Moreover, the magnetic field controller may according to the invention be adapted to detect the power generated by the synchronous generator, a negative feedback being established by means of said magnetic field controller.

Furthermore, the negative feedback may according to the invention include a P, I or D regulation, optionally a combination of said regulations.

Moreover, the rotor of the synchronous generator may according to the invention be dimensioned with a relatively low inductance. As a result, the time constant of the
5 magnetic field controller can be reduced.

Moreover, the rotor may according to the invention be adapted to rotate at a relatively high speed of rotation. As a result it is possible to further reduce the inductance of said rotor.

When the generator furthermore is multipolar, it is possible to further reduce the
10 inductance of the rotor.

Brief Description of the Drawings

The invention is explained in greater detail below with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which

15 Fig. 1 shows a wind power plant according to the invention comprising a synchronous generator and an AC/DC rectifier,

Fig. 2 illustrates a magnetic field controller for the synchronous generator of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 shows a transformer connected to the synchronous generator,

Fig. 4 illustrates the entire plant, where the AC/DC rectifier has been shown in
20 greater detail, and

Fig. 5 shows the voltage versus the speed of rotation at various magnetizing currents

to the synchronous generator.

Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

The wind power plant shown in Fig. 1 comprises a number of arms 1 secured to a hub communicating with a synchronous generator 3, optionally through a gear 2. The 5 synchronous generator 3 is preferably a conventional three-phase synchronous generator with an energy supply to the rotor winding not involving a collector ring. The three-phase output of the synchronous generator 3 communicates with an AC/DC rectifier 7 through a possibly three-phase transformer 5. The AC/DC rectifier 7 delivers a DC voltage to a DC transmission cable 9. The most simple embodiment 10 of the high-voltage rectifier 7 is formed by ordinary diodes coupled in series, and accordingly it is a passive rectifier. The series coupling of the diodes is established by means of several output windings on the output of the transformer 5. In this manner the voltage is reduced to all the diodes, and the harmonic flows in the generator/transformer are reduced. The three-phase transformer 5 can be designed as 15 indicated in Fig. 3, where the primary side is connected to the generator output and comprises a star connection, and the secondary side is connected to the AC/DC rectifier 7 and can be composed of a Δ -connection and two combined Δ -star connections. The voltages generated by the secondary side of the transformer 5 are transferred to an AC/DC rectifier in form of a so-called B6 diode bridge, cf. Fig. 4. This 20 B6 diode bridge comprises a total of eighteen rectifier elements, viz. six on each secondary winding, where each of the three phase conductors of each secondary winding is connected to the connection point of two rectifier elements coupled in the same direction, said three pairs of rectifier elements being coupled in parallel. The parallel coupling of the rectifier elements associated with each of the three secondary 25 windings is subsequently coupled in series with the result that an HVDC-voltage is transmitted from the combined coupling of rectifier elements to an HVDC transmission cable 9. This transmission cable 9 can be several km long, such as 10 km. The use of such a DC transmission cable 9 instead of an AC cable is advantageous in the

length being arbitrary and almost unlimited. Thus it is not a question of a critical length as in connection with an AC cable. The end of the DC transmission cable 9 can be connected to a conventional DC/AC inverter converting into a mains frequency and be connected to the regional supply network optionally through a three--
5 phase transformer. Measures have, of course, been taken to ensure that the alternating voltage generated by the DC/AC inverter 7 is in phase with the regional supply network.

A demand exists, of course, for a possibility of running the wind power plant at a speed of rotation depending on the wind speed. However, an increase of the speed
10 of rotation implies that a high voltage is generated because the voltage is proportional to the speed of rotation, cf. the curves of Fig. 5. However, the output voltage is also proportional to the magnetic field in the generator 3, which can be utilized for stabilizing the voltage in case the speed of rotation is changed. The latter has according to the invention been obtained by means of a magnetic field controller 4 detecting an
15 output parameter of the generator 3, such as the current and the voltage or the product thereof. This magnetic field controller 4 regulates the current supply to the rotor windings in the generator in response to the output parameter. As a result, a negative feedback is established with the result that when the output power is increased the current supply to the rotor winding 3a is reduced, whereby the system automatically
20 seeks equilibrium. When the speed of rotation for instance is increased to 130% relative to an ordinary speed of rotation, the magnetizing current to the rotor winding 3a is reduced to 80%, cf. Fig. 5. When, on the contrary, the speed of rotation decreases to 80% relative to the ordinary speed of rotation, the magnetizing current to the rotor winding 3a is increased to 130%.

25 Fig. 2 shows an embodiment in greater detail of the magnetic field controller 4, and it appears that in two of the three phases of the generator the currents IG1, IG2 and the voltages UG1, UG2, respectively, are detected. These parameter values are multiplied in pairs to obtain an expression of the output power P_{gen} . This output

- power P_{gen} is compared with a reference value P_{ref} , and the difference therebetween, viz. the error signal, is transferred to a regulation unit 11. In response to this error signal, the regulation unit generates a value for the magnetizing current I_m which is to be transferred to the rotor winding, optionally through a PWM 12 (Pulse Width Modulator) and an amplifying power transistor 13 controlling the supply of current to the rotor winding. The negative feedback is established by the detected power P_{gen} being deducted from the reference power P_{ref} . As a result a detected increased power P_{gen} implies that the error signal is reduced and that the power supplied to the rotor windings is reduced as well.
- 5 The power for the magnetizing of the generator 3 is typically of the magnitude 1% of the nominal power of the generator.
- 10 A portion of the magnetizing can optionally be provided by means of permanent magnets, where an electric magnetizing is then used for controlling the speed of rotation. The speed of rotation is downwardly limited by a maximum magnetizing
- 15 current due to the limited thermal properties of the rotor windings and the magnetic structure of the generator, viz. the magnetic saturation. In order to extend the lower limit of the speed of rotation it is therefore advantageous when either the generator is provided with an additional output presenting an increased nominal output voltage or the transformer is provided with an input presenting a reduced nominal voltage.
- 20 These additional inputs are only to be dimensioned for low power as the wind energy is low at a low speed of rotation.

According to a particularly advantageous embodiment, the wind turbine comprises a transformer with n output windings coupled in series with rectifiers so as to obtain an HVDC. The output windings can be coupled as a star or a Δ or as a combination

25 thereof in order to obtain a sinusoidal input current.

Claims

1. A wind power plant where the driving shaft communicates with a synchronous generator (3) optionally through a gear (2) and with a transformer, if any, with n output windings, said transformer communicating through an AC/DC rectifier with an HVDC transmission cable (9), measures being taken so as to secure against possible variations in the speed of rotation, c h a r a c t e r i s e d by a magnetic field controller (4) connected to the generator (3), said magnetic field controller (4) being adapted to vary the magnetic field in the synchronous generator (3) in response to a speed of rotation-depending output parameter of said generator (3) in such a manner that possible variations in the speed of rotation are compensated for.
2. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the currents (IG1, IG2) generated by the synchronous generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a).
3. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the magnetic field controller (4) is adapted to detect the voltages (IG1, IG2) generated by the synchronous generator (3), a negative feedback being established for regulating the current through the rotor winding (3a).
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5. A wind power plant as claimed in claim 4, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the negative feedback for regulating the current through the rotor windings (3a) includes a P, I or D regulation or a combination thereof.

6. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the rotor windings are dimensioned with a relatively low inductance.

7. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the rotor is adapted to rotate at a relatively high speed of rotation, whereby the inductance can be further reduced.

8. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the synchronous generator (3) is multipolar.

9. A wind power plant as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, where the wind turbine comprises a transformer with n output windings coupled in series with n rectifiers so as to obtain an HVDC.

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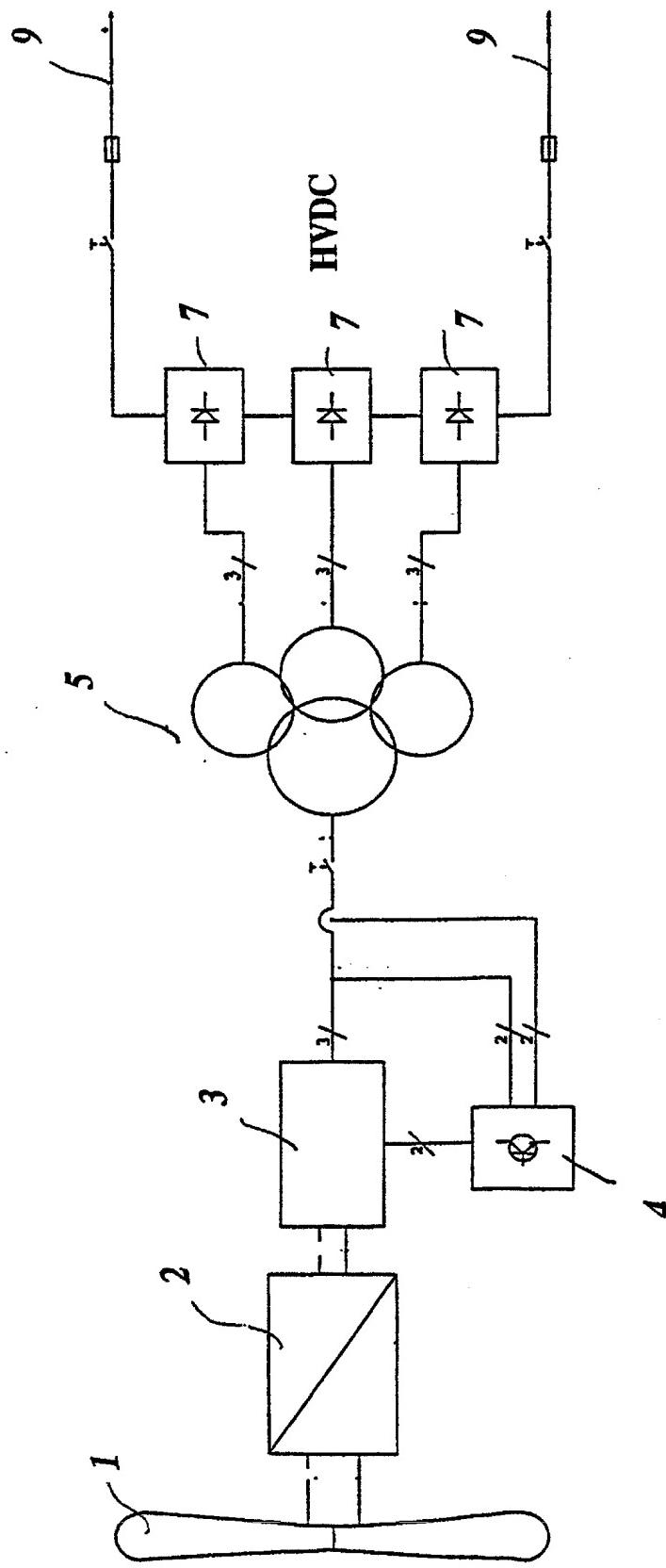


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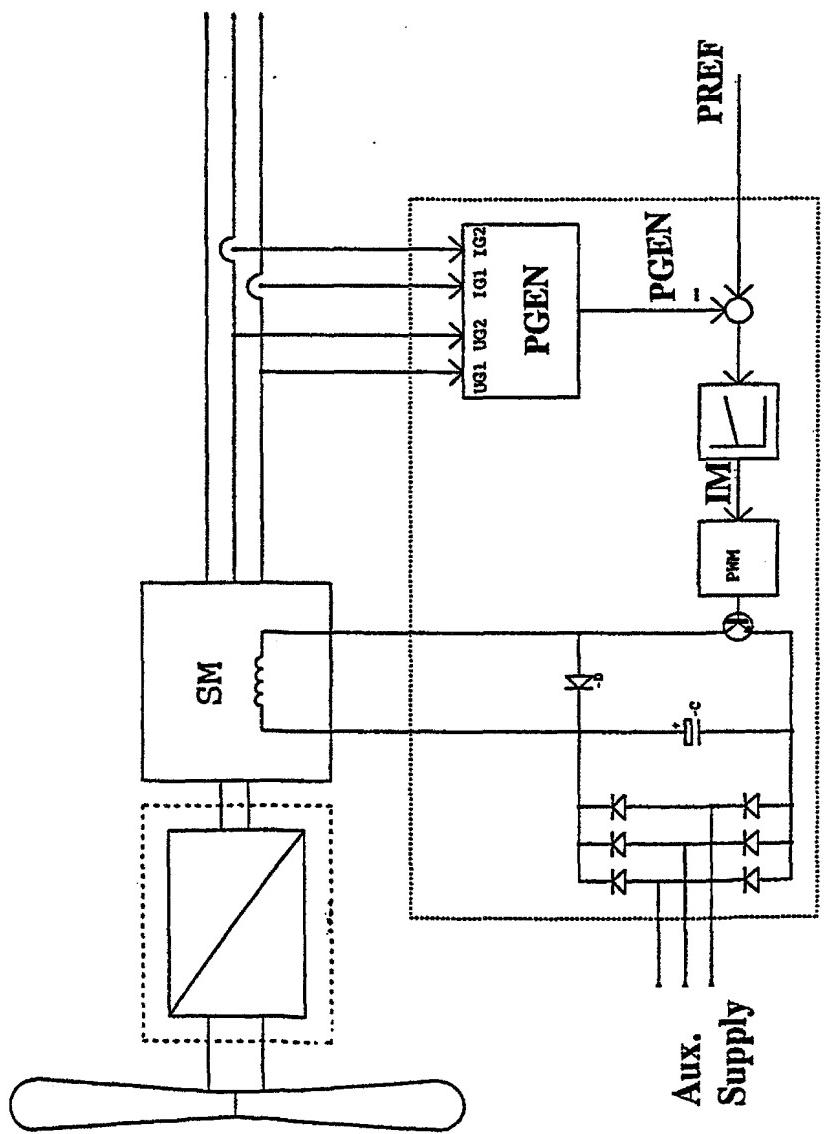
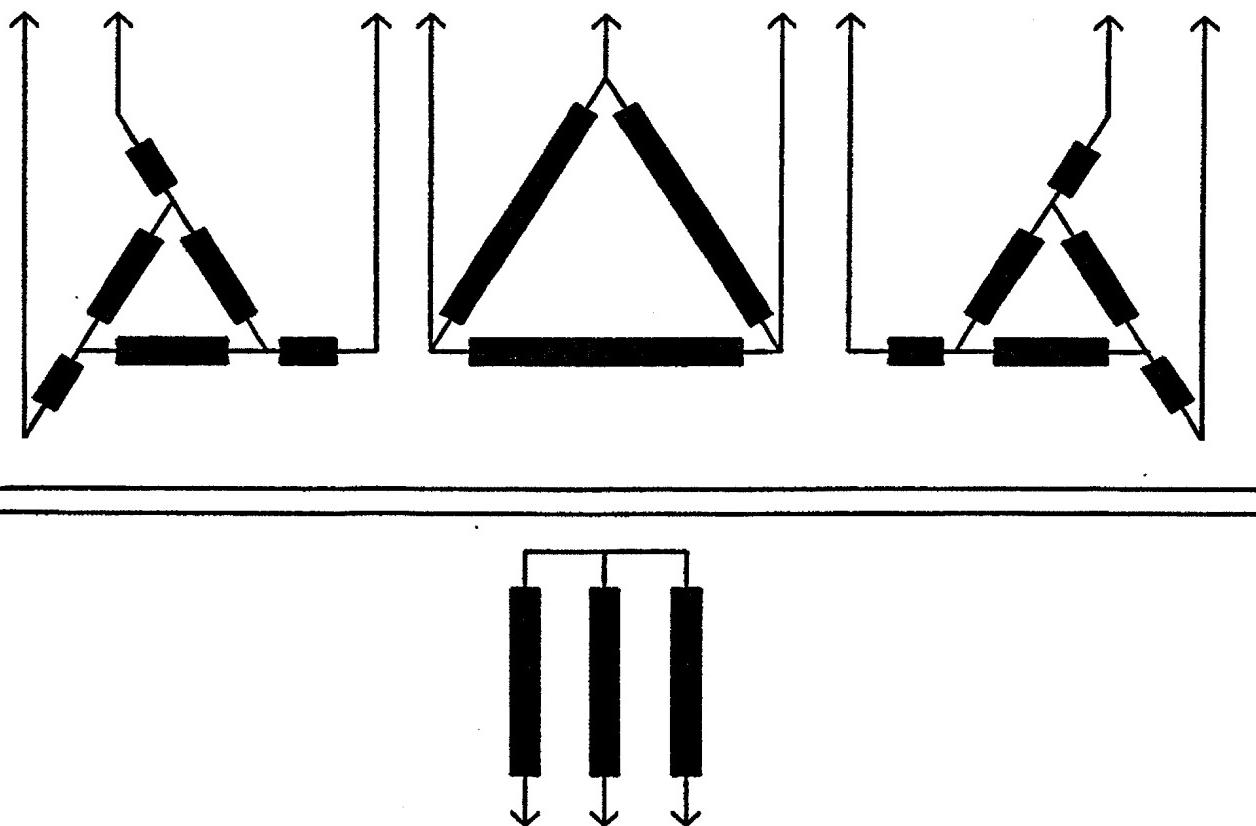


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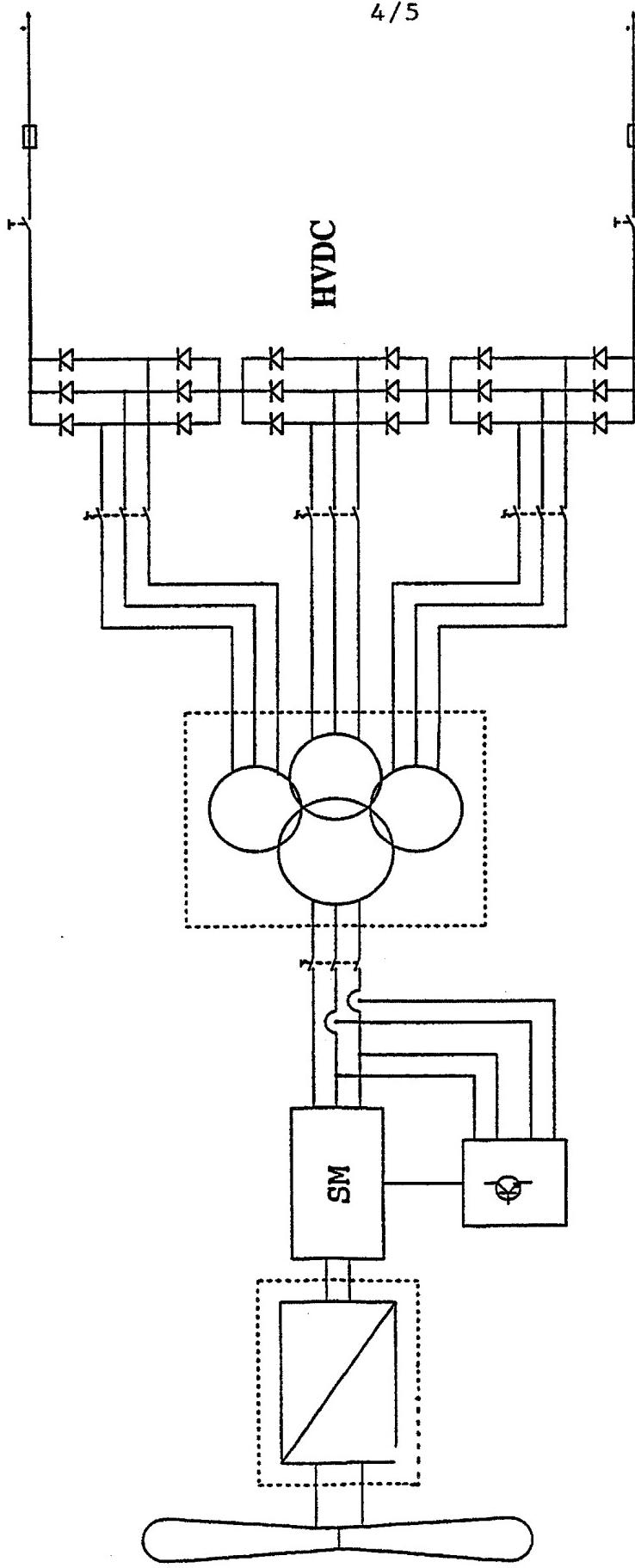


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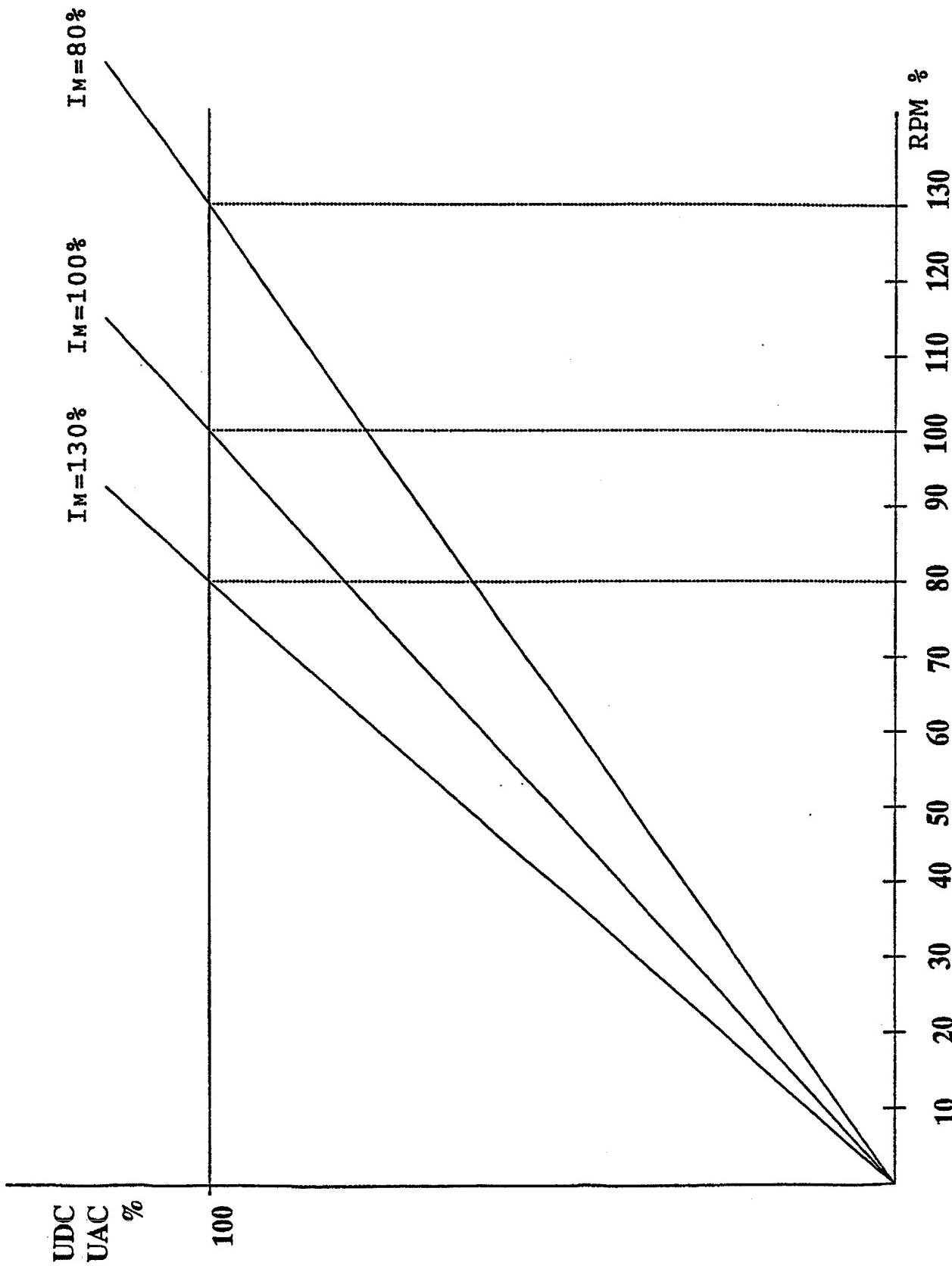


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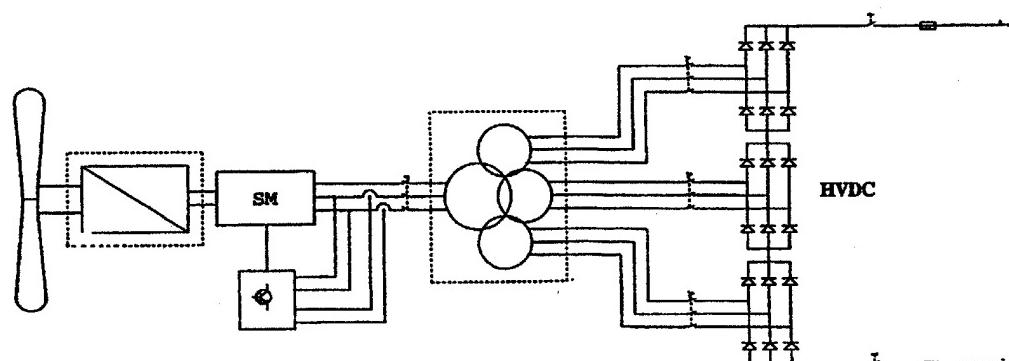
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